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1. MISSION THINKS REFTEL MAKES TWO ASSUMPTIONS REGARDING THE REASONS FOR INCREASED POPPY CULTIVATION IN PAKISTAN WHICH ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION. OUR EVIDENCE IS THAT FARMERS IN PAKISTAN GROW POPPIES BECAUSE THEY CAN MAKE MORE MONEY GROWING POPPIES THAN ANY OTHER CROP REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PRICE OF OPIUM IS HIGH OR LOW IN A GIVEN YEAR. ALSO, THE LACK OF ANY ENFORCEMENT THREAT MAKES IT A SAFE CROP SIMILAR TO WHEAT OR TOBACCO. WHILE INTERNATIONAL DEMAND IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE CURRENT PRICE OF OPIUM, FARMERS IN THE NWFP WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW LARGE QUANTITIES OF OPIUM IF THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN THE PRICE SINCE THE PROFIT MARGINS DIFFER SO GREATLY BETWEEN
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POPPIES AND ANY OTHER CROP.

2. IN ADDITION, THE IMPACT ON THE PRICE TO THE FARMER OF THE OPIUM USED IN THE ILLICIT MORPHINE AND HEROIN CONVERSION LABORATORIES IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. WE ARE INVESTIGATING THIS ASPECT, BUT WE THINK THAT CURRENT LABORATORY CONSUMPTION IS ONLY ONE OF THE FACTORS IN THE PRICE RISE.

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